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LEGISLATIVE BULLETIN

League of Women Voters of Maine

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January 22, 1961

Number 1

The 100th State Legislature has just started its fourth week of sessions and its public hearings on various bills began last week. Almost 500 bills have been filed in these past three weeks with more coming up. And so the process of legislation has begun with the accompanying activity which will continue to grow in the coming months.

This legislative year for the League of Women of Maine also promises to be a busy one. In this and following bulletins, an attempt will be made to acquaint you with legislation in fields where the League has a position and will take action as a League. The progress to date on our current agenda is as follows:

I Evaluation of the possible sources of tax revenue in Maine.

Until all the Leagues have reached consensus, on this item, no immediate action can be taken. Consensus is due to Mrs. Dana Nelson, chairman, 6 Stevens St., Lewiston, Me. by Feb 17th.

II Support of measures to improve State Probation and Parole and the Boys Training Center.

Probation and Parole: We will support appropriation requests for ^{additional} more personnel in this department.

Boys Training Center: Senator Hazel Lord's Committee on the relocation of the Boys Training Center has submitted a bill recommending moving the Boys Training Center from South Portland to Gorham. You will be receiving a copy of this bill as soon as it is printed with more information in detail concerning it. We will be supporting this bill as well as appropriation requests for additional services at the present Boys Training Center in South Portland. We expect appropriation hearings for the Probation and Parole Department and the Boys Training Center to be held early in February. So alert your members that they may be prepared to attend.

III Support of measure to strengthen the Water Improvement Commission: and support of other agencies coordinating water problems.

CALL TO ACTION - Several bills will be introduced by the W.I.C. with regard to the classification of various streams, changes in the statutes of the department (and appropriation requests for additional personnel.) These bills have not been filed but will be shortly, and you will be receiving copies of ~~these~~ those bills which the League will be supporting.

Congratulations to those Leagues who have interviewed their legislators. To the others who haven't as yet sent in their reports, we shall hope to receive them soon. As was stated before, find And when you are interviewing your legislator, it is not only important to find out how he feels about certain issues the Leagues is supporting, but it is also a good opportunity to give him the facts, particularly with regard to the Boys Training Center. So go to it gals.

Keep this list handy. It is names of senators and representatives with whom we might have future contact.

Appropriations and Financial Affairs:

Senate: Davis of Cumberland
Stanley of Penobscot
Sampson of Somerset
House: Bragdon of Perham
Smith of Falmouth
Wellman of Bangor
Davis of Calais
Drake of Bath
Fogg of Madison
Plante of Old Orchard Beach

Taxation:

Senate: Wyman of Washington
Porteous of Cumberland
Edgar of Hancock
House: Baxter of Pittsfield
Bradeen of Waterboro
Wheaton of Princeton
Albair of Caribou
Maxwell of Jay
Letourneau of Sanford

Natural Resources:

Senate: Ferguson of Oxford
Cole of Waldo
Cyr of Aroostook
House: Williams of Hodgdon
Perry of Easton
Jameson of Bangor
Brown of Fairfield
Matheson of Mexico
Burns of Westbrook

Public Health:

Senate: Lord of Cumberland
Carpenter of Somerset
Marden of Kennebec
House: Knapp of Yarmouth
Danes of South Portland
Kennedy of Milbridge
Gill of South Portland
Hartshorn of Buxton
Swett of Howland
Hendricks of Portland

As a reminder....

How To Address Your Legislator

SENATOR:

Dear Senator -----

Envelope:

The Honorable _____
Senate Post Office
Augusta, Maine

REPRESENTATIVE:

Dear Mr. _____

Envelope:

The Honorable _____
House of Representatives
Augusta, Maine

Also as a reminder.... Be sure to read the daily reports of dates on hearings of bills in the local newspapers which carry them; this will keep you up to date.

Join with other League members who
Subscribe to this special Legislative
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Mrs L. Ward, 28 Franklin St., Lewiston, Me.
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